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My dear Maria

I remember how many - and kind and long
have been thy missives of this sort to me, - and now that our
dear Wm L. G. & N. P. Rogers are about to leave us setting their faces
homeward, I feel that somewhat is due from me to thee -
But how to accomplish it I find not, for we are from day
to day so in the midst of bustle & commotion & excitement -
pleasurable & otherwise, that to write seems quite out of
the question: Our friends too can tell you so much better than
I can narrate here, the story of our coming across the Atlantic
to attend a 'World's Convention' - simple souls! and on our arrival
this grave information awaited us, that it was no more than
a Conference of the British & Foreign A. S. Society, to be composed
of such members as their Com. of Arrangement should choose to
select - that the name of "the World's Convention" was merely a
"poetical license" (alias a rhetorical flourish) - and that the Com.
in their wisdom had seen meet to ordain and enact, that women
should not compose part of their august body. That they fur-
ther, as wise men should, had a resolution prepared for this said
Conference as one of its first business, - That all the arrangements of said
committee be sanctioned & approved by the Conference. - Of course we
would not "thrust ourselves forward" into such a meeting, but hav-
ing come so far to see what could be done for the Slave, & being thus
prevented, doing anything ourselves, we were willing to be mere lookers
on & listeners from without, - as, by so doing we should be the means
of many more women having an invitation to sit as spectators -

which we found was accounted a very high privilege, in this land by their women, who had hitherto, most submissively gone forth into all the streets, lanes, highways & bye paths to get signers to petitions, & had been lauded - long & loud, for this drudgery, but who had not been permitted, even to sit with their brethren, nor indeed much by themselves in public meetings - having transacted their business, as we were informed, by Committees.

In vain we endeavoured to have a public meeting called for women - altho a few - Anne Knight, Eliza Pease &c. did all they could to promote it. At length we gave up in despair & left London satisfied - that "when for the time they ought to be teachers, they have need that one teach them which be the first principles" of Human Freedom. I might say more but time forbids - and much doubtless has already been ^{written} you in Boston, by those who keenly felt our grievances. - We had many opportunities with members of the "New Organization", & with the Com. & with individuals, to present to them their injustice to us - to the cause of the slave - as well as their own inconsistency. These we improved I had many a battle wherein we came off as we think victorious. But a 'World's Convention' has yet to be held. - That the feelings of the British public would

not have been so outraged as we were given to understand, our admission, is abundantly evinced, in the readiness with which I have been heard in other places. - In Birmingham my appearance on the platform, in a large meeting at the Town Hall was as heartily cheered as if I had been worth hearing. And an invitation sent to the chair to me to appoint a special meeting. - (George Harris of Glasgow delivered an excellent lecture at the meeting alluded to - on Capital punishment. I intend to get a copy if possible of three which we are told he has delivered in Glasgow on the same subject. Since we came to Dublin I have accepted an invitation to speak in a Temperance Mtg. - not the least manifestation

And the Non-Resistant.

of dissatisfaction - altho' unexpected to most present -
but on the contrary "cheers long & loud" - & not merited
neither - but such is the custom in this land - and I
mention it as proof that the objections to our admission
were all hollow -

Abby Kelly asks W.L.G. in a letter, if, as they fear, L. Motte has
sacrificed principle at the altar of Place - now I don't know
how far she will consider me as having done so - I have
sometimes shrunk from a defence of our rights, when others
have gone forward & stood in the breach - & I am very wil-
ling to crown such with laurels that I may not deserve -
we discovered before we left Philad^a that the name of the
Convention was changed & saw the letter of Jos^{ph} Sturge - hence
we used our credentials conditionally - & after being refused by
the Com. we felt satisfied not to present them to the Meeting.

I was glad however that Wendell Phillips & Ann were not so
easily put by & that he came forward & manfully plead for
the right - I shall ever love Ann Phillips for her earnest appeals
to her husband to stand firm in that hour of trial - and him
for doing so - Tell Abby Kelly if I am not much bold myself
I respect those most who are so. - Tho' I fully believe if our
English & Irish friends thought there were any in America
whose foreheads were more adamant than mine, they
would be awe-struck - ya, horrified! - I never failed in our
several tea-parties, soirees, &c. to avail myself of every op-
fer made for utterance for our cause - & then I shrunk
not from the whole truth as those who heard can testify -
Egotism must be eschewed for ^{the cause} woman's sake.

In addition to several letters written home giving an account
of ourselves - I have filled one shut to C.C. Burleigh - remarking
on some of our speakers &c. which I have concluded to enclose
unsealed - think'st thou might like to look over it - when
thou wilt oblige me by seals & forward it as directed - Wm. M. B.

is with you ask him to let it serve instead of a letter to him, as I have
sometimes thought of writing, since I rec'd a dear affect message from
him in a letter from Charles - our Irish friends tell me I take
too sombre a view of the Meeting & Speakers - I admit it may be so
but tell them to put their souls in our souls stead & perhaps they
too will be affected with a morbid sensitiveness.

Wm L. G. will tell you what glorious meetings they have had
in Scotland. - we rejoice that we have stayed him to see them
once more.

Maria W. Chapman

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from England
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We rejoice too to hear of thy well-doing in thy chamber - as well
as of Helen Garrison's - How affecting is the death of J. A. Collins's
wife! We feel a deep interest in your doings across the
wide water & hope truth & the right will yet be trium-
phant - How I wish you could win back J. G. W. & Gerritt
Smith! It is much better that a separation has taken place
in the National Society - as we were - we could not
walk together unless more agreed -

Love to thy husband & every one of you - ever thine L. Note